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Signed at Washington, D.C. this 29th day of March 1996.

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## Bureau of Labor Statistics

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the "Manual for Developing Local Area Unemployment

Statistics." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before June 4, 1996. BLS is particularly interested in comments which help the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Karin G. Kurz, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue NE., Washington, DC 20212. Ms. Kurz can be reached on 202-606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

The Department of Labor, through BLS, is responsible for the development and publication of local area labor force statistics. This program includes the issuance of monthly estimates of the labor force, employment, unemployment, and the unemployment rate for each State and labor market area in the Nation.

#### II. Current Actions

The labor force estimates developed and issued in this program are used for economic analysis and as a tool in the implementation of Federal economic policy in such areas as employment and economic development under the Job Training and Partnership Act, the Public Works and Economic Development Act, among others.

The estimates are also used in economic analysis by public agencies and private industry, and for State and area allocations and eligibility determinations according to legal and administrative requirements. Implementation of policy and legislative prerogatives could not be accomplished as now written without collection of the data.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Title:* Manual for Developing Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0017.

*Affected Public:* State government.

| Form         | Total respondents | Frequency     | Total responses | Average time per response (hours) | Estimated total burden hours |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| LAUS 2 ..... | 6,700             | Monthly ..... | 80,400          | 1.62                              | 130,248                      |
| LAUS 3 ..... | 384               | Monthly ..... | 4,608           | .11                               | 507                          |
| Totals ..... | .....             | .....         | 85,008          | .....                             | 130,755                      |

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* 0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* 0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 2nd day of April, 1996.

Peter T. Spolarich,  
Chief, Division of Management Systems,  
Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the "Hours at Work Survey."

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